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SUBJECT: YAKUTSK LNG PROJECT - PROPOSED AGREEMENT

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT HOWARD BOYD, PRESIDENT, EL PASO NATURAL GAS, HAS SENT LETTER TO SOVIET MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE OSIPOV TOGETHER WITH DRAFT GENERAL AGREEMENT DEALING WITH YAKUTSK LNG PROJECT. AGREEMENT WHICH APPARENTLY HAS BEEN WORKED OUT BETWEEN ANZAI AND BOYD INDICATES INTER ALIA THAT U.S. EXIM BANK WILL EXTEND CREDITS TO SOVIETS TO FINANCE PURCHASE OF EXPLORATION MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND ALSO STATES THAT "THE GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR THE YAKUTIA GAS PROJECT AND LNG SALE AND PURCHASE CONTRACT SHALL BE SIGNED AT THE TIME WHEN THE NECESSARY RESERVES

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HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED OR, WITH THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE

PARTIES HERETO, PRIOR TO SUCH CONFIRMATION."

2. AS EMBASSY AWARE,USG HAS NOT YET DETERMINED WHETHER IT
ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN EITHER EXPLORATION OR EXPLOITATION
PROJECTS. WE CONCERNED THAT JAPANESE (AND SOVIET
AUTHORITIES) MAY BE MISLED BY DRAFT AGREEMENT DESPITE
EXISTENCE OF ADDITIONAL CLAUSE THAT STATES AGREEMENTS WOULD
BECOME EFFECTIVE AFTER"ALL REQUIRED APPROVALS BY APPROPRIATE
GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OF THE THREE GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN
OBTAINED," AND BELIEVE THAT AFFIRMATIVE USG DECISION
ALREADY REACHED. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE BELIEVE EMBASSY
SHOULD TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM ANZAI AND APPROPRIATE

GOJ OFFICIALS THAT DESPITE BOYD LETTER WE ARE STILL NOT
ABLE AT THIS TIME TO INDICATE WHETHER WE WOULD BE ABLE TO
MOVE AHEAD. WHEN WE ARE IN SUCH POSITION WE WILL NOTIFY
THEM PROMPTLY. KISSINGER

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